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1. On 5 March,¹ the Soviet Medical Group in North Korea opened a hospital in the village of Onch'on, 6 kilometers northwest of Yangdok (126-38, 39-13) (BU-9643). The hospital wards were in 17 western style houses, and the hospital office and operating room facilities were in an underground shelter at the foot of a hill 70 meters east of the wards.
2. On 15 May, the hospital contained 700 Chinese Communist soldiers who had been wounded at the front, 100 North Korean army officers, and 20 high-ranking North Korean officials. The hospital staff consisted of 6 Soviet male doctors, 3 Soviet female doctors, 2 Soviet nurses, 10 North Korean male military doctors, 15 North Korean medical corpsmen, and 20 North Korean nurses.
3. The hospital is the finest in North Korea. It is equipped with the best foreign and North Korean medical apparatus including X-ray equipment. A varied diet is served at the hospital.
4. There is discrimination between Chinese Communist and North Korean patients in the hospital. Chinese Communist army enlisted men are accepted and provided with white hospital uniforms, while only North Korean army officers and high-ranking officials are admitted, and the North Korean officers must wear their own uniforms and remove all insignia.

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